

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Special Meeting

1. A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council of the California Medical Association was held in the Association offices in San Francisco on Sunday, April 11, 1937.

2. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Karl L. Schaupp, with the following quorum present: Karl L. Schaupp, E. M. Pallette, Howard Morrow, Morton R. Gibbons, W. W. Roblee, George H. Kress, and Secretary F. C. Warnshuis.

3. **Waiver.**—All members present signed a waiver of required notice of meeting.

4. **Committee of Five.**—Discussion was had upon the report of the Committee of Five, the conference with the Board of Health, and the requests of Dr. J. B. Sharp, Director of Projects of the WPA.

William W. Roblee, supported by M. R. Gibbons, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to advise the State Board of Health that the California Medical Association

is in agreement with the Board of Health's plan and procedure regarding the preparation and publication of the report of the Committee of Five as outlined in the letter of Dr. James B. Sharp to Professor Paul A. Dodd, dated March 22, 1937, in which regulations for publication of statistical survey and research materials were transmitted.

The Secretary was instructed to request the State Board of Health to submit its suggestions and recommendations as to the publication and disposal of the report of the Committee of Five.

Upon receipt of this communication the officers of the Association are to call and hold a meeting with the Committee of Five and complete the details for the publication of the final report.

This resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote. Meeting adjourned.

KARL L. SCHAUPP, *Chairman.*

F. C. WARNSHUIS, *Secretary.*

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND COUNCIL OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Joint Conference

1. At the request of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation a joint conference was held with the Council in the offices of the Association in San Francisco on April 11, 1937. This meeting was in the form of an advisory conference for the reason that the emergency did not permit giving the notice required by the by-laws for a special meeting of the Council.

2. The conference was presided over by Morton R. Gibbons, with the following present: Morton R. Gibbons, E. M. Pallette, Howard Morrow, William W. Roblee, George H. Kress, Henry Rogers, Calvert Emmons, Karl L. Schaupp, W. H. Kiger, O. D. Hamlin, Carl Howson, H. J. Ullmann, A. E. Anderson, T. Henshaw Kelly, J. B. Harris, F. C. Warnshuis.

By invitation: Honorable P. J. McMurray, Honorable Melvin Cronin; Doctors F. R. Makinson, W. E. Mitchell, Rodney Yoell, and Mr. Howard Hassard.

3. T. Henshaw Kelly presented an outline of a proposed reply to an article that appeared in a national magazine.

After a general discussion it was the advice of the conference that the proposed reply should not be sent in or over the name of the California Medical Association.

4. J. B. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, presented an extended report on the legislative situation, the tremendous pressure that was being brought by several influential groups for health insurance legislation, amendments that were being submitted and the concentrated effort that was being made to pass Assembly Bill 1283. Doctor Harris suggested certain amendments to safeguard the interests of the public and the medical profession. Advice was requested.

Statements were made by Honorables P. J. McMurray and Melvin Cronin and Doctors T. Henshaw Kelly and Rodney Yoell.

The entire question and related factors were discussed at length by all present. The Chairman called upon Doctors W. E. Mitchell and F. R. Makinson for further discussion.

5. On motion of George H. Kress, supported by Henry J. Ullmann, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That this conference go on record as being in favor of the commission form of supervision in a

* All articles listed under the caption, "This Month's Topics," have been written and sent to the Editor by the Association Secretary, Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis.

proposed medical service law, such as "S. B. 605" or "A. B. 1283"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation feel free to consult with a special committee composed of the President, President-Elect, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairman of the Council, in any emergencies that may arise in these matters, and on changes or modifications in the proposed health insurance.

6. The conference adjourned at 1:30 p. m.

MORTON R. GIBBONS, *Chairman*.
F. C. WARNSHUIS, *Secretary*.

LOS ANGELES SOCIETY BULLETIN

For some time watch has been kept on other bulletins and journals, state and nation, for commendatory comments upon the Los Angeles County Medical Association's Bulletin which several weeks ago came out in new size and typographical make-up. Its form, make-up, and contents is believed to be so meritorious that it was hoped that others would be moved to take notice and express approbation. It was intended that these comments could be quoted as a text for this item in congratulating one of our constituent county units. Alas, thus far they have been conspicuous by their absence.

It was some thirty years ago that we first assumed charge of publishing a county bulletin—one of the first in the country. Since then there has been noted a gradual growing list of county bulletins. Some continue in their original style and contents. Others have acquired new and more pleasing form and make-up. Some embrace the opportunities that confront them, while others are merely program copy, clippings, and "ads" of good and unwarranted copy. Some are issued under a printing syndicate, the copy being the same in all except for the local program and an occasional report. The syndicate makes the profit that the county foregoes because local men decline to assume the duties and give a bit of time to editorial and business management. Some societies cause their bulletin to yield an annual profit of from a couple hundred to several thousand dollars. Last year the Los Angeles bulletin yielded a net profit of over \$7,000—an income that helps defray laudable activities that could not otherwise be undertaken, and members profit therefrom.

It is suggested that other units in this country benefit from the initiative and policies exemplified by the Los Angeles bulletin. With one or two exceptions, every bulletin can be made more pleasing in appearance and more interesting and achieving in its contents matter. And that's that.

To our Los Angeles County Association there is extended earnest words of congratulations and commendation. Pride is taken in their initiative and in the able editorial and business management that is manifest in each issue. A real service is being rendered to the members, and community respect and recognition is being demonstrated. Congratulations again, more power to you, and keep on being a pacemaker for other bulletins.

A VALLEY TREK

On March 16, Councilor Axcel Anderson and the State Secretary visited the Merced County Society at noon. There was a goodly luncheon attendance during which there was a question and answer conference. Following the luncheon, Councilor Anderson and the State Secretary discussed several of the major activities of the Association and legislative problems that are confronting the Association. It is always inspiring to meet these members, who are alert to the interests of their community and the rendering of adequate and competent medical care. The Merced Society earnestly and unitedly conform to the policies of their state organization and commendably discharge their component unit obligations.

Following the Merced meeting the trek was continued to Fresno, where at 4 p. m. an informal discussion was had with a number of members of that society. At six o'clock the trek was resumed, with the destiny Hanford, Kings County. Here, at 7:30 o'clock, fourteen members gathered around a delicious dinner. Kings County has a membership of eighteen. Situated in a rich valley section, thirty-four miles from the main highway, these members are quite distant from medical centers. In consequence, difficulties have been experienced in arranging varied

scientific programs and it has been necessary to rely upon their members to a large extent. Councilor Anderson advanced some very constructive suggestions. There then followed a two-hour discussion of organizational policies and local application. Here again it was most gratifying to mingle with a group of members who are diligently striving to maintain the purposes of organization. The night was spent in Fresno, and an early start was made for Sacramento.

On Wednesday evening the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement held its sixty-ninth annual banquet. As usual, the Banquet Committee had for weeks been rehearsing its after-dinner program that has always been an outstanding feature of these annual celebrations. Chairman Scatena and the Board of Directors, in respect and in honor of Dr. Charles B. Jones, whose sudden death, and funeral on the day of the annual banquet, canceled the "stunt program" and dedicated the annual dinner in memory of Doctor Jones. Some eighty-five members gathered at the Sutter Club. Following a most appetizing dinner, the Doctors Quartet rendered several selections. Doctors can sing. Informal remarks were made by Doctors Wallerius (president) and Scatena and Councilor Schoff. State Secretary Warnshuis substituted his original remarks as guest speaker because of the altered program, and made a response under the general subject of "The Sidewalks of Medicine." President Wallerius then adjourned the banquet in honor of and in respect to Doctor Jones. There followed an enjoyable hour of informal renewal of friendship with the members of this, the oldest, constituent unit of the State Association. Then to bed, but not to sleep because of the riotous doings in corridors and rooms that seems to be a common occurrence in the Capital hotels during legislative sessions with groups and interests seeking to gain legislative favors or exerting pressure influence upon legislators. Hotel managers would do well, if they expect to hold patronage, to direct such celebrants to night clubs. Early morning breakfast, and the old car was pointed toward headquarters and a desk of four days of accumulated mail.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The 1936 annual report of this Board contains some interesting facts. A detailed report is given upon the exposure and prosecution of the so-called Pacific Coast abortion ring. The Board and other authorities merit every praise for their efficient efforts in bringing into court this gang of racketeers.

During 1936 the Board issued 590 certificates to practice. Rights to practice were restored to two licentiates. In the written examinations, nineteen applicants failed to gain passing grades. Of eight drugless practitioners, three failed. The majority of failures were among graduates outside of California, foreign medical schools. The California Board is to be congratulated upon the care taken in conducting these examinations, which record is not duplicated by many boards of other states.

In connection with this it should be noted that members of the faculty and students of certain Canadian schools filed protesting petitions with the present legislature because foreign-school graduates desiring to apply for a California license are compelled under law to spend a fourth year in an approved American College. The petition sought to obtain an exception for Canadian graduates. This would be class legislation, hence illegal. Dr. William R. Molony, President of the Board, has well stated: "I am of the opinion that there is ample opportunity in American medical schools for the needs of American people, and we should not worry over the problems of those who choose to take their medical studies in foreign countries."

Reciprocity licenses were granted to 166 applicants, New York and Illinois having the largest number. Sixty-four California licentiates sought endorsement to practice in other states.

During the year thirty-four licentiates were listed for hearings on charges involving unprofessional conduct. Of these, eleven had their licenses revoked; one suspended; fourteen on probation; two dismissed; six, action is still pending. In spite of repeated warnings, there are those who feel that they are exempt from the governing laws. Narcotic law violators head the list. Physicians are ad-

vised to observe the letter as well as the spirit of the law if they are desirous of escaping prosecutions for infractions.

During the year, 229 licentiates died in California or elsewhere.

The total income in fees and tax was \$56,475.87 and disbursements, \$54,134.26. It is pertinent to comment that this is a penurious budget, limited as it is by the Legislature, for the protection of the health welfare of the public. Here is a state board, created solely in the interests of the people, compelled to function with a minimum amount of funds. This budget should be triple in its present amount. The State nor the people do not contribute one penny of these funds; the total is derived from fees paid by applicants to practice. The least that should be asked from tax-derived funds is that the State should match these fees with a like appropriation and give this board \$112,000 for operating expenses.

We are proud of our Board of Medical Examiners, its members, secretary, and administrative officers. We appreciate the reputation they have gained in this country and the efficient manner in which the Board functions. Its ten medical members give generously of their time and ability, unremunerated except for a per diem pittance, for the purpose of maintaining high educational standards among those who engage in medical practice. The public is the beneficiary of these services rendered by these Board members. Our members' thanks and gratitude are tendered to this Board.

ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

In several past issues, discussion was had of an Association Endowment Fund. Its legal set-up, purposes, and forms for bequests were described. Pointed suggestions were made that members financially capable, make contributions to this fund. To date not a single nibble, comment, or subscription contribution has been received.

More emphatic suggestions are, apparently, in order.

Purpose.—To create a permanent fund, the principal to remain intact in perpetuity. The interest earnings of the fund to be used to finance expanding Association activities such as postgraduate conferences, public-health education through a speakers' bureau, health institutes, medical museum, and historical records and public relations and legislation.

Contributions.—To establish such a fund that should eventually amount to \$500,000 or more, contributions are solicited from members as well as lay persons. Any amount from \$100 to \$10,000 will be gratefully acknowledged. Brother, how much will you contribute? Having sent in your contributions, it is suggested that you cause that lay friend of yours to send in his contribution. Will you do your part? Thanks.

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

This issue will reach our members' desks shortly after our sixty-sixth annual session has ended in Del Monte. The forms went to press the first of May.

Following each annual session it requires about one month to transcribe the minutes and prepare copy for the printer. In consequence, the July issue will contain the record of our 1937 session. A terse summary will be compiled for the June issue in order that the members may gain an early insight of the highlights that characterized the Del Monte session.

HOSPITAL SERVICE

During last year 8,646,885 persons were admitted to hospitals in the United States. Likewise, 831,500 babies were born in hospitals. There are available 1,096,721 hospital beds.

In California 70.4 of available beds were occupied. In this State there are forty church-controlled hospitals with 4,558 beds. Fraternal organizations own three hospitals with 346 beds. Nonprofit organizations operate sixty-six hospitals with 5,563 beds. There are 226 hospitals with 27,054 beds in California, and these admitted 490,575 patients during the year. The average daily census was 19,056. Technicians to the number of 418 were employed by 183 hospitals.

Two hundred and ninety-two radiological technicians were employed by 182 hospitals, and 222 dietitians were employed by 145 hospitals. There were enrolled 2,694 student nurses in 145 hospitals.

Deaths reported by 261 hospitals totaled 23,814. Hospitals which refused registration were 72 with 2,391 beds.

Thirty-four approved hospitals had 435 interns, of whom 389 received a salary that averaged \$29.19 monthly.

These are some of the figures found in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* hospital number of March 27.

MEMBERS ARE BOUND BY THEIR SOCIETY CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS

The Supreme Court of the State of Washington has handed down some very pertinent declarations related to obligations of members set forth in the constitutions and by-laws of the organizations in which they hold membership.

Furthermore, the constitution, charter, and by-laws of the medical society constituted a contract between the members of the society enforceable in the courts if not immoral or contrary to public policy or the law of the land. The two physicians, as members of the medical society, were required to obey the by-laws of the society or subject themselves to the penalty of suspension or expulsion from the society, and it is not material how selfish or unselfish the objects of the medical society may be. That the medical society had the right to adopt the by-law with respect to contract practice cannot be questioned. Whether such by-law was just, reasonable or wise is a question of policy which concerns only the medical society and its members. The society, in the enforcement of its by-laws for the direct purpose of benefit to itself and to its members, is not answerable for damage incidentally resulting to a third person. So long as membership in the medical society continues, the member can be compelled under his contract with the society to obey its laws, rules and regulations, or suffer the penalty of fine, suspension or expulsion.

The enforcement of a by-law such as the one here involved, continued the Court, does not amount to unlawful coercion. *Seymour Ruff & Sons, Inc. vs. Bricklayers', etc., Union*, 163 Md. 687, 164 A. 752.

An association, in pursuing its legitimate objects, has the right to coerce a member by fine, suspension or expulsion, and the association will not, nor will its members, be liable in damages to those who may be directly or indirectly injured by such efforts. So long as a member remains in the association, he is subject to the coercive effect of a penalty exacted for breach of a by-law of the association. If he does not desire to abide by the obligations of his contract of membership, he may abandon his membership. No rights of the plaintiffs in this case, who were nonmembers, were invaded by the medical society when it established its code of ethics and insisted on compliance therewith through threat of expulsion of an offending member, and the enforcement of solidarity by threat of expulsion of the two physicians created no cause of action for the incidental damage resulting to the plaintiffs.

These opinions should clarify a much discussed section of by-laws governing membership. They clearly declare that members must abide by the conditions that govern membership.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The annual session of our national organization will be held in Atlantic City the week of June 6. Members are advised to consult the issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* which contains the official program.

It is quite important that hotel reservations be obtained in advance by writing to the chairman of the Committee on Hotels, Convention Bureau, Atlantic City.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

On April 13 Dr. Rock Sleyster, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Olin West, Secretary and General Manager of the American Medical Association, made a visit to San Francisco. The purpose of their visit was to survey the auditorium and hotel facilities of the city in order to report thereon when the invitation to hold the

1938 American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco is considered at the Atlantic City meeting this June.

These national officials were met in Oakland on arrival of their train by Doctors Reinle, Dukes, Makinson and the State Secretary, and welcome greetings were extended. The trip was then made across the Bay Bridge, and the day was spent inspecting auditoriums and hotels.

In the evening an informal dinner was tendered to the distinguished visitors. Present were officers and members of adjacent county societies. President-Elect Howard Morrow presided and he, together with Dr. T. Henshaw Kelly, President of the San Francisco County Society, H. Gordon MacLean, President of the Alameda County Society, Morton R. Gibbons, Chairman of the Council, J. C. Geiger, Director of Health, extended cordial fraternal greetings. Responses were made by Doctors Sleyster and West.

For fully an hour Doctor West commanded the intense attention of all as he imparted comment and observations upon present trends in social and legislative circles of state and national bodies and society. His plea was for courageous and sound thinking and action on the part of all members of the profession. The need for concerted unity of action for the future good of the public and the profession was emphasized. Individualistic and independent group pronouncements that were unauthorized, unofficial and at variance with adopted policies of organized medicine, was declared to be subversive to the ideals, objectives and progress of medical science, practice and service.

The following morning was spent in a further inspection tour, and at noon the members in Oakland tendered a luncheon at the Claremont, attended by thirty members, and presided over by President MacLean. Doctor West discussed some of the problems of medicine and public health.

These visitors gained a partial insight as to conditions in California and promised, at some future time, to make a more extended visit.

C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS†

Things Well Worth Thinking About

Organize a Medical Service Bureau as a part of your county society. This bureau to aid your patients in determining their ability to pay for medical service and to advise them how to budget these expenses.

Organize a Speakers' Bureau and provide opportunity to gain experience in effective public speaking. Los Angeles County is conducting a most commendable as well as successful Speakers' Bureau. We need better and more public speakers.

Plan joint meetings with your county dental, health and bar organizations. Better understandings will result.

How about another summer picnic or field day? And make it a day for inter-county fraternization.

How about checking up on the social service work of your local and county hospitals for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are functioning efficiently and effectively.

Let the people of your county learn about the total amount of free and charity work done by your members a year. As a rule this amount exceeds the total charity contributions in your county but the people are not aware of this fact. Publicity is indicated.

If these suggestions are initiated and sustained in your county, your society will experience meetings made more valuable by an aroused interested membership. Someone has to pitch the first ball. Why not you?

†The complete roster of the Committee on Public Relations is printed on page 2 of the front advertising section of each issue. Dr. Charles A. Dukes of Oakland is the chairman, and Dr. F. C. Warnshuis is the secretary. Component county societies and California Medical Association members are invited to present their problems to the committee. All communications should be sent to the director of the department, Dr. F. C. Warnshuis, Room 2004, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco.

An Evasion Racket

Courts have decreed that corporations cannot practice medicine or contract to supply medical service. This ruling has terminated attempts on the part of certain compensation insurance companies from openly employing medical men on a monthly salary basis to render medical care to the employees of firms covered by their insurance coverage.

Reports now are on hand that these certain insurance companies have resorted to a new undercover form of law evasion. This evasion is operated in the following manner. The company engages usually a young surgeon on a monthly salary basis. Instructions are given him to rent ample quarters, engage nurses, a stenographer to make out records and reports, purchase physiotherapy equipment, etc. Firms covered by this company are instructed to send injured employees to this hired agent surgeon. The surgeon is instructed to bill the company on the first of the month for all services rendered at compensation fee schedule rates. By the 5th or the 10th the surgeon receives a check but he is instructed not to cash this check. In a day or so a company representative calls and picks up this check. He gives the surgeon, cash or draft to pay rent, monthly pay roll and office overhead and surgeon's monthly salary. This later transaction is, of course, under cover and the surgeon can claim he is doing compensation work under fixed approved fee rates.

The scheme is illegal, evasion of laws, contract practice and insurance company corporate practice. The surgeon makes himself liable to revocation of his license and the insurance company to illegal corporate practice penalties.

The matter has been called to the attention of the Compensation Commission, the Insurance Department and the Board of Medical Examiners. Steps will be taken to end this racket. Members are requested to send in information that they may have so that it may be turned over to investigators. Such reports will be held in confidence and the informant will not become involved. Members should aid in terminating this corporate racket.

Consideration is being given to the amending of the compensation laws along lines recently enacted in New York. Right now you are asked to aid in presenting evidence and facts.

Foreign Graduates

Los Angeles, Calif., March 22, 1937.

William D. Cutter, M. D.,
Secretary, Council on Medical Education,
535 North Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Doctor Cutter:

I have a copy of your letter to Dr. Warnshuis in regard to foreign graduates who desire a California license. I am sure that no one will disagree with you in your estimate of Canadian standards and standards of Class A Canadian Medical Schools. California along with the American Medical Association and many other states sees the danger in permitting graduates of low grade schools, located in foreign countries, to enter the practice of medicine without some additional evidence of education and training. Therefore, the law was so amended and the house of delegates passed a resolution to the effect of requiring these additional credits.

In order that the law be not declared unconstitutional, it must be all inclusive and not have a provision therein exempting one foreign country from the provisions of the act.

If it were legal for the Board to pass upon the individual, it would be very easy to enforce standards, but as you know this would be class legislation and clearly unconstitutional.

I am of the opinion that there is ample opportunity in the American Medical Schools for the needs of the American people and we should not be worrying over the problems of those who choose to take their medical studies in foreign countries.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM R. MOLONY, M. D.

Compulsory Health Insurance

Massachusetts and Pennsylvania legislatures have under consideration bills proposing compulsory health insurance. The following excerpt presents some figures for Pennsylvania:

What Compulsory Health Insurance under House Bill No. 622 Will Cost in Pennsylvania

"Estimating Pennsylvania as producing 16.4 per cent of the national industrial pay roll, according to 1929 figures, the contributions would be as follows:

The State's contribution to be a tax equivalent to 1½ per cent of total payrolls throughout the State.....	\$ 70,739,760
Employers' contribution by payroll tax, 1½ to 3½ per cent (added to cost of production)	126,581,760
Employees' contribution by pay-envelope deduction, 1 to 3 per cent.....	85,637,520

A total annual sickness tax of.....\$282,959,040

"Allowing against the Pennsylvania figures of 1929 a reduction of 30 per cent as representing the accepted reduction in the present pay roll over 1929, we have:

The State's contribution to be a tax equivalent to 1½ per cent of total payrolls.....	\$ 50,035,440
Employers' contribution by payroll tax, 1½ to 3½ per cent of total (added to cost of production)	89,533,344
Employees' contribution by pay-envelope deduction, 1 to 3 per cent.....	60,572,880

A total annual sickness tax in Pennsylvania of.....\$200,141,664

COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

LASSEN-PLUMAS-MODOC COUNTIES

A meeting of the Lassen-Plumas-Modoc Medical Society was held at Westwood on March 26, following a dinner at the home of Dr. F. J. Davis, Sr.

Case discussions were held by the various members, and the winter's experiences discussed. It was decided that the past winter produced a bewildering variety of ear, nose, throat and respiratory ailments, and that it would be profitable to find an outside speaker on this subject for our next meeting.

Dr. W. C. Batson of Greenville was welcomed as one of our new members. F. J. DAVIS, JR., *Secretary*.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society, held in the Medico-Dental clubrooms on April 1 at 8:45 p. m., President J. F. Blinn in the chair, was preceded by the customary dinner meeting, held at the Hotel Wolf Roof Garden. Fourteen members were present. Doctors H. S. Chapman and A. K. Merchant presented the paper at the dinner meeting.

A letter from the California Medical Association was read concerning the Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Company.

Doctor Trick was accepted from the floor, on his application, to transfer from the Los Angeles County Medical Society.

The application of Dr. A. K. Merchant was read and referred to the Admissions Committee.

Mr. Thorpe of the Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Company asked that an Advisory Committee be appointed to advise the Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Company in this locality. He also told of the number of policies that he had sold, and told of the prospective buyers. Dr. Dewey Powell made a motion, seconded by Doctor Van Meter, that the appointing of an advisory committee be referred to the Board of Directors and that the Board of Directors be given full authority to act. The motion was carried.

A vote was taken on the motion made at the March meeting concerning the request of the California Medical Association for a change in the by-laws in the San Joaquin County Medical Society, that the sections in the local by-laws on the discipline of members be stricken out and the sections of the California Medical Association substituted. The motion carried.

Doctor Van Meter questioned the members as to whether they wished to have the May meeting put off until after the session of the California Medical Association at Del Monte. Dr. C. V. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Doctor Collis, that the next meeting be held on its regular meeting date. The motion carried.

On the invitation of the Lodi members, Doctor Broadus made a motion, seconded by Doctor Van Meter, that the June meeting of the Society be held in Lodi and that the Lodi members provide the paper and the entertainment. The motion carried.

Doctor Van Meter made a motion, seconded by Doctor Collis, that the resolution of the Tuberculosis Association relative to bovine tuberculosis be accepted and that copies be mailed to the members of the Legislature from this district. The motion carried.

Doctor Broadus reported on the progress of the Postgraduate Committee, and stated that he had a very fine program in the making for the next meeting.

The program was opened by Doctor Garrison, who read a paper on *Protamin Insulin* and its use. This was illustrated by lantern slides. Doctor Templeton of Oakland read a paper on *Malignant and Premalignant Lesions of the Skin*. This was profusely illustrated with lantern slides of the lesions and of the microscopic pictures.

There being no further business to come before the Society, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 o'clock and refreshments served. G. H. ROHRBACHER, *Secretary*.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society was held at the County Hospital in San Luis Obispo, March 20. Dinner was served to those present by the hospital staff.

An interesting program was presented by Doctors Harold Brunn, Joseph Dillon, E. L. Brown, H. Brodie Stephens, and Esther Rosencrantz of San Francisco.

Doctor Rosencrantz showed films of unusual cases of *Pulmonary Tuberculosis*, stressing especially military tuberculosis. She also showed a few cases of pneumoconiosis.

Doctor Brunn gave an interesting talk on *Lung Abscesses*, stressing their treatment, and illustrated the same with x-ray films.

Dr. E. L. Brown gave a talk on *Empyema and the Treatment of Empyema*, illustrated by means of slides and films.

Dr. Joseph Dillon spoke on *Bronchiectasis*, illustrated with x-ray films.

Dr. H. Brodie Stephens gave a paper on *Intrathoracic Tumors*, and illustrated his paper with slides.

During the forenoon of the same day a surgical clinic was held at the County Hospital, at which a number of surgical procedures for chest diseases was carried out.

E. D. ANDERSON, *Secretary*.

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SHASTA COUNTY

The last meeting of the Shasta County Medical Society was held in the Hotel Redding, at Redding, on March 8.

After a delicious luncheon, the Principal of the Cottonwood Grammar School presented the problem of infectious skin diseases in his school. He wished that the County Health Officer would go to the outlying districts and treat these skin diseases or allow the so-called Public Health Nurse to diagnose and treat. He was informed by the Society members that (1) the so-called Public Health Nurse is not licensed to diagnose or treat diseases; (2) that the county budget would not permit the authorization of a licensed doctor to go to outlying districts and treat these cases; (3) that the principal of a school in which such infectious children were in attendance should send those children home until they were returned with a note from a physician stating that they are free of an infectious disease; (4) if these infected children are of an indigent household, they should get a permit from their county supervisor and be treated in the clinic at the Shasta County Hospital.

A film was shown by a Libby, McNeil & Libby detail man concerning homogenized foods for babies and convalescents. Several films were then screened. The first was a film of the D. & G. Company, on the *Anatomy of the Male Genito-Urinary Tract*. The second was a D. & G. film on *Nephropexy*.

The matter of a delegate to the State Medical Association meeting at Del Monte was brought up. Dr. Henry L. White was elected delegate and Dr. Leslie J. Seeley was elected alternate.

The matter of the next meeting was then discussed. The secretary was instructed to contact a speaker for the next meeting.

Those present were: Doctors Olberg, Hansen, Kay, Saylor, Kay, Dozier, Trelstead, and Seeley. The guests were: Dr. M. J. Murphy, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Falkner.

The next meeting will be held at the Hotel Redding on Saturday evening, April 10, and the Society will be addressed by Dr. Dudley Smith, Clinical Professor of Proctology, University of California Medical School.

LESLIE J. SEELEY, *Secretary*.

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TULARE COUNTY

The February meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held at Motley's Café, Visalia, on the 28th. Dr. R. C. Hill, President, presided.

Those in attendance were: Doctors P. D. Miller, Falk, Zeller, Weiss, Parkinson, Beck, Hubbard, Wenn, A. Miller, Cronemiller, Matthias, Betts, Zumwalt, Ginsburg, Rosson, Guido, McClure, Preston, Brigham, and Hellbaum.

Doctor Hill introduced Dr. Milton J. Hubbard, Chief of the Medical Division, United States Army Hospital at Sawtelle, as guest speaker of the evening.

Doctor Hubbard gave two papers—one on *Liver Abscess* and a second on *Experience with Protamin Zinc Insulin*.

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A stated meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held at Motley's Café, Visalia, on Sunday, April 4, at 6:30 p. m. Dinner preceded the meeting.

In the absence of our president, Vice President Austin Miller called the meeting to order.

In attendance were: Doctors Fillmore, Bond, Guido, Watke, Matthias, C. A. Ambrose, from Visalia; Seiberth, Betts, Weiss, A. Miller, McClure, Campbell, Tourtellott, Kohn, Zumwalt, Brigham, P. Miller, Hellbaum, Rosson, Ginsburg and Frank Chamlee, of Hanford.

Guest speakers of the evening were: Dr. Frank E. McCullough and Dr. Philip J. Lipsett, both of Oakland. Doctor McCullough presented the first paper, *Injection Treatment of Hemorrhoids*. The paper was illustrated with a series of lantern slides to show the technique employed. The paper was of a practical nature, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

The second paper of the evening was by Doctor Lipsett, who discussed *The Newer Conceptions of Menstrual Disorders*. The paper brought forth a great many questions, which were ably answered by Doctor Lipsett. Lantern slides were used to amplify the talk.

The regular business was transacted by the secretary, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 o'clock.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.

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VENTURA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held at the Saticoy Country Club on Tuesday, March 9.

Members present were: Doctors Rey, Cruden, Little Armitstead, Welsh, Hendricks, Yoakum, Neilsen, Strong, Mosher, D. G. Clark, W. S. Clark, Gronhovd, L. P. Smolt, C. A. Smolt, Shore, Coffey, Bardill, Barker, and Morrison. Guests present were: Doctors Voorsanger, Moore, Witten, Walker, Wells, Arnold, and Coulter. Mrs. Coulter, Mr. Higbee, and twelve public health nurses were also present.

Doctor Voorsanger spoke about the prevention of tuberculosis, and also outlined treatment for active cases. Discussion was opened by Dr. Charles Smolt. Doctor Little asked if there was any method available to enforce isolation against the patient's wishes. Mr. Higbee stated that in a case of a minor he could be isolated by getting an order through the juvenile court.

Dr. D. G. Clark made a motion that this Society endorse the skin-testing campaign among school children which is sponsored by the local Tuberculosis Association. Doctor Gronhovd seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Doctor Shore was called away and no further action was taken in regard to an ethical advertising campaign.

A. A. MORRISON, *Secretary*.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members (79)

Alameda County.—L. I. Oppenheimer.

Contra Costa County.—Harry E. Peters.

Kern County.—Max D. Hendricks.

Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County.—Wilbur C. Batson.

Los Angeles County.—Howard H. Allen, Kenneth W. Blake, Elena Boder, Clifton H. Briggs, Joseph Brill, William Edward Brown, Alonzo B. Cass, Charles R. Castlen, Robert F. Collins, Walter H. Drane, John Paul Ewing, Louis K. Guggenheim, Joseph Jellen, Arnold Henry Kegel, Russell W. Lyster, Allen I. Mann, Abraham Metzner, George Nador, Charles C. P. Prince, John F. Renshaw, Charles F. Row, Werner Salomon, Robert L. Sands, I. E. Sauber, Victor E. Stark, Walter L. Stilson, Solomon Strouse, Clinton H. Thienes, Emmett LeRoy Schield, Hobart P. Shattuck, Walter T. Sheets, H. Dale Wheeler, William G. Winter, Robert G. Wirth.

Mendocino-Lake County.—M. Clemens Beil.

Napa County.—Kristine B. Johnstone.

Orange County.—J. B. Price, Arthur Donaldson.

Riverside County.—Everett J. Garrison, Iner Sheld Ritchie.

San Bernardino County.—Theophilus Fleming Ford, Thomas F. Judefind, Norris B. Lawrence, Claude A. Macdonald, William A. Richardson.

San Diego County.—Russell T. Bothe, W. R. Herbert, Wilton M. Lewis, J. T. Lipe, G. L. McClintock, Dayrel D. Smith, Erwin L. Young.

San Francisco County.—Charles Wentworth Barnett, Clarence B. Cowan, Gerald Francis Doyle, Delbert Wilfred Hand, George J. Heppner, John E. Kistler, Louis C. Nuyens, Wilfred Larch Olsen, Andrew Benton Stockton, John R. Upton.

San Joaquin County.—K. M. Hidy, Edgar Shepard Leavenworth, William G. Patton, Oliver Riggle, Thornton C. Russell, Paul R. Shumaker.

San Luis Obispo County.—Thomas Ruffin Pratt, Edward Charles Sherman, Jr.

Santa Clara County.—Ben L. Bryant, E. D. Kilbourne, Karl F. Pelka, Ruth Tangier Smith.

Yuba-Sutter County.—Romayne B. Whitney.

Transferred (8)

A. D. Butterfield, from San Diego County to San Bernardino County.

Clarence E. Dixon, from San Bernardino County to Los Angeles County.

G. A. Frost, from Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County to Butte County.

W. E. Macpherson, from San Bernardino County to Los Angeles County.

William A. Rowell, from Contra Costa County to Shasta County.

Francis B. Sheldon, from San Joaquin County to Orange County.

T. K. Trick, from Los Angeles County to San Joaquin County.

Thomas A. Wong, from San Francisco County to Los Angeles County.

Resigned (6)

Coleman A. Block, from San Francisco County.

Elmina F. Cook, from Los Angeles County.

Paul F. Guernsey, from Los Angeles County.

Clelia D. Mosher, from Santa Clara County.

R. Esmond Smith, from Los Angeles County.

Oscar Tobriner, from San Francisco County.

In Memoriam

Beck, John Edwin. Died at Tulare, April 9, 1937, age 64. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco, 1905. Licensed in California the same year. Doctor Beck was a member of the Tulare County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Downs, Alfred Jonathan. Died at Los Angeles, March 12, 1937, age 60. Graduate of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, 1901. Licensed in California in 1902. Doctor Downs was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Eddy, Irving Herbert. Died at Glendale, March 8, 1937, age 59. Graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, 1903. Licensed in California in 1930. Doctor Eddy was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Jones, Charles Breckenfeld. Died at Sacramento, March 14, 1937, age 57. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1906, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Jones was a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Mabee, Melbourne. Died at Santa Ana, March 23, 1937, age 60. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1911. Licensed in California in 1930. Doctor Mabee was a member of the Orange County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Martin, James J. Died at Long Beach, March 23, 1937, age 71. Graduate of Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, 1898. Licensed in California in 1922. Doctor Martin was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Pruett, John Floyd. Died at San Francisco, March 17, 1937, age 51. Graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, San Francisco, 1914, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Pruett was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

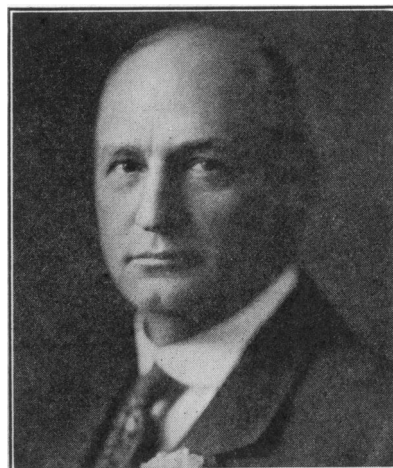
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Smith, Harlan Lewis. Died at Sacramento, March 12, 1937, age 34. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1931, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Smith was a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Solomon, Jacobus C. Died at Los Angeles, March 15, 1937, age 78. Graduate of the National University of Arts and Sciences Medical Department, St. Louis, 1893. Licensed in California in 1894. Doctor Solomon was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

OBITUARY



Reginald Knight Smith
1869-1937

Reginald Knight Smith died at his home April 18, 1937. He practiced until the 14th—for several days having suffered intermittent distress from coronary occlusion—days and nights when he would lie down to ease the pain, and then with undiminished readiness respond to the hospital call.

He was born in Newberg, Alabama, September 22, 1869, was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore in 1892, served as surgeon in the United States Navy where he achieved the grade of lieutenant-commander during the Spanish-American War, and practiced obstetrics exclusively and continuously in San Francisco since 1905. He was our first exclusively obstetrical specialist. His early experience was in the Emanuel Sisterhood Polyclinic and the Fruit and Flower Mission, then in the Mount Zion obstetrical clinic, where he became chief in 1910. He was instructor in obstetrics in Cooper Medical College during the year 1908-1909, was president of the San Francisco County Medical Society in 1919 and of the California Academy of Medicine in 1934, and was a member of the Pacific Coast Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology and of various nonmedical organizations. He received no formal instruction in obstetrics other than the meager requirements of one of the less prominent medical schools, he did not publish, rarely spoke in society meetings, did not seek or receive recognition in international or national societies—in fact, he was to known to few (a far-scattered and discerning few) outside the broad locale of his practice.

But how he was known here! He was not without honor save *away from* his own land. For sheer volume of work it would be hard to find his equal. About 15,000 to 20,000 persons came to light by his personal aid. Two corporations of interest and profit to the local medical profession weathered through exceedingly rough seas to snug harbor under his forceful and generous leadership; two or three hospitals benefited largely from his efforts; for many years the business of the San Francisco County Medical Society drew heavily on his time and energy. And for quality, his professional work brought him early and always held, unsought but well-earned, the unquestioned title of dean of northern California obstetricians.

But work was not all that made him well known. In fact, it was much less important than character and personality. And here the pen falters. No words will quite match the feeling of us who knew "R. K." or evoke his true likeness for others. Professional ethics, courtesy, loyalty, generosity—the common book virtues? These and others would seem colorless terms to the many who have felt his helping hand, a hand deftly concealed, often escaping recognition from the one it served. Interest in the economic and other general relations of the profession to the public? Oh yes, he was tolerant, even helpful to certain schemes for bringing better medicine to more people; but we think of him as the doer rather than the schemer; we see the clinic patient whom he hastily carried in his arms to hospital;

we hear the never-failing ring of welcome in his voice to the long procession of free and near-free patients in clinics and in his office. Sense of duty, seriousness, even sternness were present, but not for exhibition; they were for principles rather than persons, and the rare individual who incurred his animosity abundantly merited it. And equanimity. That was in perfect measure and of unique variety. It could instantly settle the nerves of a fearful, suffering woman or stiffen the courage of an inexperienced doctor. Without levity, anecdote, or even mirth, it was decidedly gay. The vacationless doctor spent his whole life on one grand lark. Tall, upright carriage, firm gait, happy timbre of voice, big pink carnation, a newly bought and soon-to-be read volume of fine literature under the arm—these gave the air of being off for a jolly good time. Trouble seemed merely to raise the carnation a little higher on his breast. Or when trouble came in the operating room—one of those moments which usually calls for wiping the surgeon's brow, or sometimes (let us blush) a burst of profanity—his humming of "Swanee River" would merely become a little more sprightly. The gay equanimity endured—"I've got a through ticket," were his cheerily spoken words at the end—and will endure in the happy memory of our "R. K."

EUGENE S. KILGORE, M. D.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

News Letter

Dear Auxiliary Members:

You will be very happy to know that in the recent McReynolds *Hygeia* subscription contest the Western States division of twelve states, under the direction of Mrs. Mark Glaser, won a very high percentage. Arizona carried off the \$50 prize in Group 1 for auxiliaries with a membership not exceeding fifty members. The winning chairman is Mrs. Charles Swackhamer of Superior, Arizona, who represented Pinal County.

In the twelve counties in the entire United States given highest honorable mention, six of these counties, or 50 per cent, are in Mrs. Glaser's division, and Marin County, in California, has the distinction of being in that group.

Mrs. Glaser has done remarkable work, and we all feel very proud and honored by her achievement. We feel she richly deserves the success that has come to her, and we all tender her our hearty congratulations.

MRS. ROBERT M. FURLONG, *Chairman of Publicity*.

Component Auxiliaries

Alameda County

On March 19 the Woman's Auxiliary to the Alameda Medical Association held their annual bridge tea at the Hotel Leamington in Oakland. The spacious clubroom was beautifully decorated with spring blossoms. Two hundred and fifty members and guests gathered for the occasion, and were greeted by our president, Mrs. Clarence Page, and Mrs. Harold Trimble, Chairman of Arrangements.

During the afternoon a radio was raffled and candy sold at the tables. Over \$200 was made for the Students' Loan Fund of Stanford and California universities, which the Auxiliary is sustaining.

Before the close of the afternoon a brief business meeting was held. Mrs. Page thanked Mrs. Trimble and her committee for their work in making the party a success. The

†As county auxiliaries of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Robert M. Furlong, Chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, Linden Lane, San Rafael. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Furlong and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the Editor to allocate two pages in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

Nominating Committee for the ensuing year was announced, namely, Mesdames Hobart, Rogers, Charles Peters, D. E. Jeffry, and John Ewer.

Tea was then served, and the party adjourned after a most enjoyable and successful afternoon.

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Los Angeles County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association honored its new advisers at the regular luncheon meeting at the County Medical Building on Tuesday, March 23. These advisers are Doctors John P. Nuttall, E. Eric Larsen, and E. Vincent Askey.

Current Problems in Medical Legislation was the subject of an address by Dr. Edmund T. Remmen of Glendale, member of the Board of Directors of the Public Health League.

Mrs. E. M. Lazard, President of the Los Angeles League of Women Voters, discussed *Better Schools in Los Angeles for Handicapped Children*.

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Marin County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Marin County Medical Society met in conjunction with the Marin County Public Health League on Thursday evening, March 25, at a dinner meeting at the Marin Golf and Country Club.

The combined groups were addressed by Dr. Glenn Cushman of San Francisco on pending medical legislation. Following Dr. Cushman's address, Dr. F. O. Butler, medical director of the State Home at Sonoma, was introduced by Mrs. H. O. Hund, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, who had secured Doctor Butler as their speaker of the evening. His subject was *The Exceptional Child*, and he gave a very interesting discussion of conditions in the institution.

Plans are now being made for a card party to be given by the Auxiliary on Friday, April 23, at the Improvement Club in San Rafael. Mrs. Robert M. Furlong is in charge of arrangements.

Our February meeting was held in the form of a luncheon at the Meadow Club. We had as special guests, Mrs. Andrew J. Thornton and Mrs. Willard Newman, both of San Diego. Twenty-seven of our thirty-two members were present and, although it was a rainy day, it was a most enjoyable one. A musical program was presented by Mr. Clinton Lewis and his octet from the Marin Junior College.

BURDELLA M. ROBERTSON,
County Chairman of Publicity.

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Sacramento County

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Auxiliary met on February 16 at the home of Mrs. Charles Van Geldren. Mrs. Knell gave a report on our Sacramento Hospital Circulating Library. The Sacramento postmaster is granting us all the new unclaimed magazines, which gives us the latest ones for the patients.

Our state president, Mrs. Thornton, and her secretary, Mrs. Newman, were our guests and gave most interesting talks on their visits to the various auxiliaries.

Our president, Mrs. Brown, thanked all who worked on the Red Cross drive.

Refreshments were served by our hostesses.

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The regular meeting of the Sacramento Auxiliary met on March 18 at the home of Mrs. Anthony Boscoe.

Reports were given by the outgoing officers.

New officers elected were: Mrs. William J. Van Den Berg, president; Mrs. Norris R. Jones, first vice-president; Mrs. Frank McDonald, second vice-president; Mrs. Dave Dozier, recording secretary; Mrs. Heldwig Johnson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. N. Scatena, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Knell, Mrs. Richard Scofield, Mrs. James Yovt, and Mrs. Orrin Cook, directors.

After an interesting reading by Mrs. A. Howe, we were served refreshments by our hostess.

MRS. JOHN D. LAWSON, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Santa Barbara County

The members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Barbara County Medical Society gathered at luncheon Monday, March 15, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Johnston, 205 East Islay Street, to hear a talk on *Cancer Control* by Dr. Henry J. Ullmann, a member of the Cancer Committee of the California Medical Association. Doctor Ullmann pointed out that tuberculosis, which used to rank first as a cause of mortality in the United States thirty years ago, now ranks sixth. The enormous decrease in the proportion of deaths caused by this disease is due to the splendid educational campaign carried on against it. The place of deaths from cancer in the list has changed from sixth to second in the same period of time. In other words, cancer is increasing, and a vigorous campaign is needed to educate the public to fight this much misunderstood disease intelligently. Cancer is curable, and practically all cancer has a curable stage. According to the statistics gathered at the Massachusetts "Cured Cancer Clinic," thirty thousand persons could be cured annually of this disease in the United States. Cancer cannot be stamped out as can an infectious disease, such as tuberculosis or diphtheria, but many persons can be cured of it if education can remove the fear which has, and is still, keeping them from seeking treatment early. The New York City Cancer Committee has put on an extensive and well-planned campaign. Their emblem is a shining silver sword painted upon a black background above the red slogan, "Fight Cancer with Knowledge." Free advertising space has been given them by many magazines, outdoor advertising firms, trolley, subway, and railway systems. This committee publishes a *Quarterly Review*, which describes their education campaign.

Following Doctor Ullmann's talk, Doris White read the essay which won her the first prize of \$20 in the High School class in the contest recently sponsored by the Auxiliary. In it she pointed out the immense benefits to the human race brought about through immunization against such diseases as smallpox, rabies, and diphtheria.

Mme. Marie Jankay then delighted the group with her rendition of two piano numbers—*Le Coucou* by Daquin, and *Invitation to the Dance* by Weber-Taussig.

At the business meeting which followed, a nominating committee, consisting of Mesdames Harold Schwalenburg (chairman), John Van Paing, C. T. Roome, Horace Pierce, and H. E. Henderson, was appointed.

Mrs. C. Z. Nicholas, *Hygeia* chairman, reported on a very extensive campaign which had netted the Auxiliary twenty-four new subscriptions and eleven renewals. She read a letter from the national *Hygeia* chairman, congratulating her for her efforts.

As it was a very rainy day, only sixteen members were in attendance.

MRS. H. E. HENDERSON.

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Santa Clara County

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Clara County Medical Association was held at the St. Claire Hotel on April 5 at luncheon, thirty-one members being present.

Dr. R. S. Kneeshaw, president of the County Medical Association, was guest speaker. His subject was *Medical Legislative Problems*.

Mrs. John Hunt Shephard, convention chairman, discussed convention plans, and named those who are to serve on committees.

It was voted to present a scholarship to the Y. W. C. A. for the girls summer camp at Big Basin. Last year 146 girls enjoyed a two weeks' vacation, seventy-one of which were scholarship recipients.

The officers for next year were voted upon and will be announced at Del Monte in May.

MRS. DANIEL BILKER,
Press and Publicity Chairman.

contact. This demonstrates the value of continuing the observation of contacts for at least five years after they were known to be last exposed. There is a history of household infection in 82 per cent of the contact cases. History of exposure to tuberculous fathers is almost twice as frequent as history of exposure to tuberculous mothers. In about half of the contact cases, spread of infection is not obviously due to transmission of the disease from parent to offspring, but in many cases infection is apparently introduced into the household by a brother or sister. About 60 per cent of the young adults who develop pulmonary tuberculosis are unaware of any contact with the infection. In noncontact cases the toxemic type of onset is more common than the nontoxemic (70 versus 28 per cent). If all classes of contact cases are taken together, the toxemic and nontoxemic types of onset occur in about equal proportions. It appears, however, that, if there is an interval of more than five years between the last known exposure to infection and the onset of the disease, the onset is more likely to be of the nontoxemic type.—*British Medical Journal*.

Automobile Trailer Sanitation.—As trailers multiply on our roads, new sanitary problems arise to disturb our health officials. Foremost are the provision of safe milk and water and the sanitary disposal of human waste.¹ With reasonable care in choice, safe water is readily available along the highways in many states; similarly the obtaining of safe milk, while slightly more difficult offers no great hazard to the careful purchaser. The chief source of concern is the unsafe or insanitary disposal of human excreta by trailer travelers. Many trailers now provide a small toilet compartment in which excreta may be deposited in cans containing chemical solutions reputed to render the waste innocuous. What to do with the material in the cans is the problem of present concern. No extensive or satisfactory sanitary provisions have been made for the disposal of these wastes and the cleansing of the cans. Serious consideration, it is believed, must now be given to providing roadside facilities for the sanitary disposal of human waste from auto trailers. State or county departments of health may construct disposal systems near roads frequented by auto trailers, the location of which can be made known by appropriate road signs. Recognition has been recently accorded the problem by the city and county of San Francisco,² which has prepared a sanitary code suggested for their citizens when using such conveyances for traveling. According to this code, all trailers should be equipped with an air-tight container of not less than five gallons capacity for the storage of garbage. This container may be emptied only in places approved and so designated by the health authorities of a particular locality. If the trailer is equipped with running water and a flush toilet, an adequate sewage tank should be provided underneath the trailer for the collection and storage of such waste. The tank should be emptied only into sewer connections or by other approved methods of disposal provided by the community. When equipped with water tanks for household use, the tanks must be inspected by an approved health authority at intervals of six months with reference to the potability of the water. Furthermore, water for filling the tanks should be drawn only from certified sources. The code also imposes regulations concerned with parking, food supply, ventilation, cleanliness, and screening. The use of pasteurized milk exclusively is recommended, and trailer travelers are warned concerning the need for securing medical attention if illness arises. The desirability of vaccination of children against smallpox and their inoculation against diphtheria is stressed. Even if no further increase in the number of individuals traveling and living in automobile trailers should occur, it is definitely incumbent on local health authorities to enact and enforce suitable legislation covering the health problems raised by this migratory population.—*Journal A. M. A.*

¹ A New Problem in Sanitation. Pub. Health Rep., 51:1791 (Dec. 25), 1936.

² Geiger, J. C.: Sanitary Code for Automobile Trailers, City and County of San Francisco, personal communication.

Tuberculosis in Young Adults.—Lloyd and Macpherson stress the fact that about four out of every five young adults suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis who have been in contact with a known case of infection develop the disease within five years of exposure to the last known